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Varieties of the *Currant* are readily produced from seed; but these so closely resemble each other, that it is no easy task to select and sufficiently to distinguish, by description and figure, any one which may be recommended as particularly deserving culture. Seedling plants spring up under every bush in our market gardens, and these being promiscuously dispersed, it becomes in time impossible to recognise them from others obtained by cuttings; and when any plant appears, producing fruit of superior quality, the circumstance is generally attributed to accident or to the effect of a favourable soil. By a judicious selection from among seedling plants, of those whose fruit were found to possess more than ordinary richness, and the reproducing plants again from the seeds of these through successive generations, a variety might possibly be obtained, the fruit of which, having more saccharine and less acetous matter, would surpass in merit any of those at present known.

The variety delineated in the annexed plate, is very generally cultivated in the gardens about *London*, and the credit of its origin is attributed to the *Dutch*; but the period of its introduction into this country is not known. It is distinguished from the common white currant by the growth of the trees, the branches